

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: April 4, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:03 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Joanne Sanders, Chair
Vernon Brown
Lynn McWhirter
Jackie Nytes
Lincoln Plowman
Steve Talley

Absent Members

Lance Langsford

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 34, 2006 - reappoints Kenneth Almon to the Equal Opportunity
Advisory Board
"Do Pass" Vote: 4-0

PROPOSAL NO. 164, 2006 - authorizes the Marion County Board Of Commissioners to
dispose of certain real property commonly referred to as "the Kitley property" and "the
3252 Sutherland property", and that the Marion County Treasurer be designated as the
acting disposing agent on the behalf of the Commissioners for the transaction described
"Postponed" until May 23, 2006 Vote: 4-0

PROPOSAL NO. 168, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$90,000 in the 2006 Budget of the
Marion County Election Board (County General Fund) to cover the projected shortfall in
supplies and services for the primary election, financed by a transfer between characters
"Do Pass" Vote: 4-0

PROPOSAL NO. 237, 2006 - establishes that the City-County Council is interested in
making the purchase of two parcels of real estate for use by Community Corrections
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. Chair Joanne Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Jackie Nytes, and Steve Talley. Shortly thereafter Lynn McWhirter and Lincoln Plowman arrived. Absent was Lance Langsford.

PROPOSAL NO. 34, 2006 - reappoints Kenneth Almon to the Equal Opportunity Advisory Board

Mr. Almon stated that he is a retired salesman from Johns Manville and he has been on the board for four years. He said that Equal Opportunity Board is a good committee. He also stated that the number of members has been reduced from 22 to 14 which will help in maintaining a quorum. Mr. Almon stated that he appreciates the opportunity to serve. Chair Sanders asked if Mr. Almon recalled what his attendance was in the course of the last year. Mr. Almon stated that his attendance is good and with the advantage of being retired, he is able to attend the meetings.

Councillor Nytes expressed thanks to Mr. Almon and the other members for their hard work.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 34, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 164, 2006 - authorizes the Marion County Board Of Commissioners to dispose of certain real property commonly referred to as "the Kitley property" and "the 3252 Sutherland property", and that the Marion County Treasurer be designated as the acting disposing agent on the behalf of the Commissioners for the transaction described

Chair Sanders stated that the committee was asked to postpone this proposal. Chair Sanders asked for a motion to postpone.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 164, 2006 until May 23, 2006. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 168, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$90,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Election Board (County General Fund) to cover the projected shortfall in supplies and services for the primary election, financed by a transfer between characters

Kim Diller, Assistant Controller, stated that the proposal is needed because the Election Board does not have enough money in their budget to cover some of the expenses that are occurring for the Primary Election. She also stated that in the beginning it was understood that the Election Board would be alright but later found out that more funds would be needed in Characters 2 and 3.

Ms. Diller stated that a transfer of funds from Character 1 to Characters 2 and 3 are needed to get them through the Primary Election. She added that after the Primary Election, they will sit down and figure out what more is needed for the General Election.

Councillor Nytes asked what the significant expenses in the Primary are. Chari Burke, Chief Deputy Clerk, stated that the specific character shortfall is in supplies and printing. She stated that the supply budget for 2006 was the same for 2005 where there was no election. In Character 3, the printing includes the inspector kits (which include all the materials that are used for Election Day) and general supplies that are used at the warehouse.

Councillor Talley asked if they are certain there is enough money in Character 1 to transfer funds. Ms. Burke said the money in Character 1 will be enough to cover for the Primary and General Election. Ms. Diller said there is a possibility the Election Board may need to come back for an additional appropriation to get them through the General Election in November.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 168, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 237, 2006 - establishes that the City-County Council is interested in making the purchase of two parcels of real estate for use by Community Corrections

[Clerk's note: Councillor McWhirter arrived at 5:13 p.m.]

David Cook, Chairman of the Community Correction Advisory Board, said the work release operations in Community Corrections to the local Superior Court system and in lending efforts with jail overcrowding issues has been very important. He said the most effective way to provide the work release program is to have their own facilities in order to avoid being subject to complications. Mr. Cook said due to concern from a variety of groups it is in the best interest to purchase these parcels rather than lease.

Brian Barton, Director of Community Corrections, said when he began this project, the only choice he had was to lease a property due to the limited amount of money available. He said the bond bank was involved by issuing bonds in the amount of \$5.5 million for this project. Mr. Barton said they worked closely with City Legal to obtain two appraisals to purchase these proposed properties. Mr. Barton said they pledge to have no sex offenders, no more than 350 people at the facility, and to hire from the community. He said they are also encouraging citizen involvement with this project.

Councillor Nytes asked if every entity that has been involved with this project is in agreement. Mr. Barton replied in the affirmative.

Karen Desplinter, citizen, asked that this proposal be postponed for one month. She said the Ludlow neighborhood group has just been informed of the project and did not have enough time to discuss the project in depth.

[Clerk's note: Councillor Plowman arrived at 5:27 p.m.]

Cliff Rubenstein, attorney and property owner of Sherman Park, distributed paperwork that shows that this proposal is legally defective (Exhibit A, on file in the Council office). He said this proposal does not include any information on the ownership of Vertical Properties and there has been no discussion on the type of ownership Vertical Properties has in the real estate.

Kathy Syner, citizen, said there are ethical questions surrounding the entire deal that have not been investigated by the Ethics Board. She said there are also numerous issues concerning conflict of interest and using insider information.

Jared Carter, Vice-President of Windsor Park Neighborhood Association, said they also believe it is in the best interest of both parties if this proposal was postponed for another month. He said one of the concerns is with City Legal handling the appraisers. They would like to see an outside appraiser appointed to this project.

Mr. Barton said it was important to have City County government pay for the appraisals. He said it would have not been wise to have Vertical Properties pay for their own appraisal.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Nytes, to send Proposal No. 237, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Sanders, Chair
Administration and Finance Committee

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